

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 09/623,115
Applicant : Graf et al.
Filed : December 19, 2000
TC/A.U. : 1714
Examiner : Edward J. Cain

Confirmation No. 7002

Docket No. : H 3301 PCT/US
Customer No.: 23657

RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER

MAR 10 2005

CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION PER 37 C.F.R. 1.8

I hereby certify that this paper is being facsimile transmitted to the Patent and Trademark Office on the date shown below.

March 10, 2005
Date

Marlene Capreri
Signature of certifier

Marlene Capreri
Typed or printed name of certifier

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Official Action of November 16, 2004, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered in the application and that the application be reconsidered in light of the amendments and the following discussion.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.